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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>May 27, 2004 Meeting Minutes</b>		

A meeting of the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group was held at the San Martin Lions Club, 12415 Murphy Avenue, San Martin, on May 27, 2004 at 7 pm.

1. **Pledge:** The Chair, Mr. Robert Cerruti, led the Pledge.
2. **Introductions:** Mr. Cerruti was the chairperson in Sylvia Hamilton's absence. See the sign-in roster for attendees. The Committee members and audience introduced themselves.
3. **Administrative Items**
  - a. Additional items
    - i. Locate companies/suppliers of perchlorate treatment technologies for a residence.
    - ii. Discussion of recent letters sent by Olin regarding bottled water delivery: David Athey of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RB) addressed the recent situation regarding the letters sent to bottled water recipients who tested below the Action Level and were misinformed that they were no longer receiving water. Those below 4 ppb (trace or non detect) for four consecutive quarters do not receive bottled water, as agreed by Olin and the RB. However, recent letters indicated otherwise, due to a mistake by the responsible party. Olin will reestablish bottled water. Mr. Athey requested residents please contact him [dathey@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:dathey@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov) if they have questions. Mr. Shallcross suggested Olin resend letters explaining the confusion and confirming bottled water delivery, Mr. Athey will discuss with Olin. An action item was unanimously passed:  
*PCAG requests Olin resend corrected bottled water letters to community residents.*
  - b. Interested parties should add their name and contact information to the sign-in sheet on the back table to get on the mailing list.
  - c. Approve April 9th meeting minutes: The minutes were approved with one correction to the action item passed.

The Chair moved to Item 4.

4. **Regional Water Quality Control Board Update:** (David Athey)
  - a. Regional Board (RB) staff member David Athey discussed recent reports submitted by the responsible party (Olin). Mr. Athey provided a summary of the Remedial Action Work Plan and 90% Design Report for Soil Remediation detailing the in and ex situ bioremediation and soil and groundwater monitoring. Komex and Santa Clara Valley Water District have supplied comments to the RB.  
Mayor of Morgan Hill, Dennis Kennedy commented on two issues 1) Northeast flow assessment and 2) Tennant well pumping by the City
    - 1) Mr. Athey discussed the RB requests of Olin to submit a northeast flow groundwater assessment workplan. RB will discuss with Komex and the SCVWD and provide a response shortly. 2) The Tennant well (located just south of the subject site) is of concern because it is located close to

the onsite extraction system. Mr. Athey discussed pumping of the Tennant well with Olin, but Olin felt the San Pedro well is a replacement for the water supply. RB will continue to look into the issue.

- b. The southern extent of the plume migration into the Gilroy area was noted.
- c. Mr. Athey announced Olin's request to supply alternative water/bottled water at 5 ppb. RB has declined the request, and Olin has agreed to continue to supply water at 4 ppb, but Olin may appeal the decision at the State Board.

#### 5. Alternative Water Supply Report

- a. Mr. Athey then summarized the Alternative Water Supply Report, which includes an evaluation of alternative water for perchlorate concentrations from 6 to 40 ppb. Technical Outreach Services to the Community (TOSC) provided a summary of the report. The report details alternative water supply options including point of use, point of entry, and wellhead treatment of perchlorate. Reverse Osmosis (RO) has been certified by the department of health services (DHS) as a perchlorate treatment technology. Watts Premier, a RO company, will issue a press release regarding the certification. Options were presented for centralized "cluster" systems, connection to existing water supply system, well modification, and utilization of high capacity wells.

PCAG comments and questions regarding the Alternative Water Supply Report:

- i. Olin should supply bottled water at 4 ppb and above, not 4 ppb and below.
- ii. Will agricultural wells be included in the alternative water supply; what about those who drink from the agricultural well? PCAG would like to reiterate their position in a letter which will include the motion passed:

*Olin shall provide alternative water for all beneficial-use wells affected including residential wells and agricultural wells.*

Concerns for farm workers drinking agricultural well water was discussed, and Olin has agreed to supply bottled water for those workers. Mr. Athey requested please contact him to receive water.

- iii. Would a resident have to get approval for his or her own well modifications? SCVWD staff member, Tracy Hemmeter explained it is a case-by-case basis and would have to be looked into. There are special requirements for alterations.

- b. The SCVWD provided comments on the following
  - i. The report does not recognize water as sole source of water supply
  - ii. Olin directed to submit plan for implementation
  - iii. Well-head treatment technologies
  - iv. LAFCO issues: approval for additional wells
  - v. Landuse plan for area contradicted

#### c. Additional PCAG comments

- i. Within the introduction of the report, the objective is flawed. Olin suggest a cleanup of wells above the action level, while cleanup to background or to best level attainable by available technologies should be their goal.

*Recommendations, comments, and questions from the meeting minutes and additional comments from the community will be summarized in a letter and provided to the RB. Please email additional comments to [gwguardian@valleywater.org](mailto:gwguardian@valleywater.org). The chair requested residents bring any notes to the next PCAG meeting.*

**8. Additional Agenda Items**

- a. Senate Bill 4459 which requests \$ 24M (65% federal, 35% local funds) for perchlorate remediation in the Llagas basin was discussed. PCAG discussed whether or not to support the bill. Concerns were raised regarding the local funds.
- b. Perchlorate Working Group (PWG) update: Ms. Hemmeter discussed the Perchlorate Working Group meeting, which included federal appropriations for the \$ 1.75M grant projects.
- c. The Chairman noted that NPR (national public radio) has reports regarding perchlorate contamination.

The meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT PCAG MEETING:** Friday June 11th 2-4 pm at San Martin Lions Club Hall, 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin. Agenda items to Sylvia Hamilton ([sylvialrs@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvialrs@hotmail.com)).

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Minutes submitted by Kristina Seley